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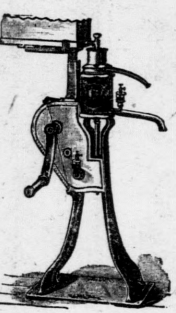
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## TO A DANDELION IN MARCH

BY WILLIAM HENRY RAN ROFT

Why art thou here, thou little flower,

Here in the damp and cold?

Not yet hath come the summer hour

To show thy face of gold:

The winter winds are blowing yet,

And all the vane are northward set;

How couldst thou be so bold?

Ah! I did some lover's sunbeam lure

Thence from thy cosy bed?

Or 'twas a trusty breeze, I'm sure,

That flattered thy poor head:

But winter winds are blowing yet,

And all the vane are northward set;

I fear thou'lt soon be dead.

Thou needst not toss thy yellow curls

In sadness at me;

It is the breath of March that twirls

Thy tresses merrily:

The winter winds are blowing yet,

And all the vane are northward set;

I'll have to care for thee.

The frost shall not by beauty blight,

I'll pluck thee as my own;

Be thou my sweetheart till the night

With pearls of stars is sown:

For winter winds are blowing yet,

And all the vane are northward set;

They'd freeze thee into stone.

Here on my bosom softly rest,

Where I can see thy face

And have a view of summer's best,

While round me tempests race:

For they are blowing, blowing yet,

And all the vane are northward set;

Next to my heart thy place.

Soon, soon, alas! thou'lt fade away,

Thy golden blushes lose;

For better on this wild March day

Thou'lt shine for me than those

Than let the winds fierce blowing yet,

While all the vane are northward set;

Thy tender life abuse.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, March 16th, 1903.

THE Republican members of the Senate have completed their program for the special session and hope to adjourn not later than the end of this week.

The Panama canal treaty will be read for amendment to-day, to-morrow there will be two hours of general debate and a vote will be taken. It is understood that the Democrats will vote to amend the agreement to provide for absolute ownership by the United States of zone of land through which the canal will pass with the right to fortify it, and will favor the elimination of Article IV which provides that under no circumstances will the United States acquire territory at the expense of Colombia or any other South American republic. Both of these amendments have been given careful consideration by the Republican steering committee which subsequently determined to ratify the treaty as negotiated. In some respects the amendments were deemed desirable, but Secretary Hay advised the leaders of the Senate that any amendment would mean the failure of the treaty and the indefinite postponement of the canal and the changes were not deemed of sufficient importance to warrant that risk.

Democratic senators have insisted on an amendment to the Cuba treaty providing that it shall not go into operation until "approved by the Congress" and the Republicans have agreed to accept such an amendment, which having a ready been favorably reported by the committee on Foreign Relations. The vote on the Cuba treaty, the ratification of which is regarded as assured, will be taken as soon after the approval of the Panama treaty as possible and will be followed by immediate adjournment. A hearing has been had on the Hay-Bond Newfoundland treaty but there is no intention of reporting it out of committee and the best authorities in the Senate say it will never be ratified.

President Roosevelt is much chagrined at the amendment to be attached to the Cuba treaty and is seriously considering calling the Fifty-eighth Congress in special session next November, as soon as practicable after the fall elections. He characterizes the amendment accepted by the Republicans as "a concession to the enemies of Cuban reciprocity" and holds that under the circumstances he would be fully justified in calling a special session immediately. The leaders of the party, however, would oppose a special session at any time before the fall elections, but there are many good reasons why a special session should be called at the time. Next year will be a presidential year and an early adjournment of Congress, in order that the campaign may not be interfered with, will be desired. The Democrats propose to engage in a long tariff discussion and were Congress to meet a few weeks before the first Monday in December they might be accommodated without interfering with the public business. The President believes that the Cuba treaty should be put in operation before this year's Cuban sugar crop is marketed, but this argument is met by leading senators with the assertion that the sugar buyers will anticipate the reduction in the tariff and the only effect of delay in modifying the tariff schedules will be to keep Cuban sugar a little longer in bonded warehouses. Mr. Roosevelt's argument that no time should be lost before securing control of the Cuban trade, however, seems unanswerable.

There is every prospect of important financial legislation at the next session of Congress. The Senate has adopted a resolution, reported by Senator Aldrich, authorizing the committee on Finance to sit during the recess and investigate, in "cheap story papers" has had some interesting experiments, says an exchange. He learned that by sending \$1 to a Yankee he could get a cure for drunkenness. Sure enough he did. It was to "take the pledge and keep it." Later on he sent 50-cent stamps to find out how to raise turnips successfully. He found out—just take hold of the tops and pull." Being young, he wished to marry, and sent 34 1-cent stamps to find out how to make an impression. When the answer came it read, "Sit down on a pan of dough." It was a little rough, but he was a patient man and thought he would try it. Next advertisement he answered read, "How to do better than money in six months." He was told to convert his money into bills and fold them and he would see his money doubled. Next he sent for twelve useful household articles, and got a package of needles. He was slow to learn, so he sent \$1 to cut out "how to get rich." "Work like the devil and never spend a cent." And that stopped him, but his brother wrote to find out "How to write a letter without the use of pen or ink." He was told to use a lead pencil. He paid \$1 to learn "How to live without work." He was told on a postal card to "Fish for suckers as we do."

The body of the man found floating in the Christiana river on Saturday morning was identified Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carney, of Baltimore, as that of their son. The body had previously been identified by Mrs. Frank H. Hyatt, of 221 East Front street, Wilmington, with whom the drowned man boarded before his death.

In the early part of January a hat was found on Front street with a pawn ticket beneath the sweatband bearing the name of Thomas Carney, and it is believed that the derby belonged to the deceased, and that he was drowned at that time, having been in the water ever since. When the body was discovered it was badly decomposed.

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## ELMER COLLINS FACES A JURY

The Accused Man Pleads Not Guilty to Murder of His Wife—Many Witnesses Will Testify

COLLINS STILL RETAINS HIS NERVE

GEORGETOWN, March 16th.—Elmer Collins to-day faced the jury which will decide whether he is guilty of killing his wife on his farm near Laurel on April 12th last. It was shortly after 12 o'clock when Chief Justice Lore and Judges Pennewill and Grubb took their seats on the bench. The court lost no time in getting down to work. The prisoner was arraigned at 3 o'clock this afternoon. When the list of the jury had been called it was found that four, Charles H. Ross, Stansbury H. Parsons, W. J. Tindall, and Benjamin B. Johnson were sick and not able to be present. J. D. Sharp was reported dead.

It was after 12 o'clock when the court started. The judges, Attorney-General H. H. Ward, his deputy, R. H. Richards, detectives and other court officers did not arrive until noon. They were met at the station by a curious crowd.

murder had been committed, and the authorities at once set to work to apprehend the murderer.

The Collins family which comprised the murdered woman, her husband, Elmer, and two children, Catherine and Hazel, aged two and four years, lived on a farm on the Portville road, about five miles southwest of Laurel. Mrs. Collins' maiden name was also Collins, she being a distant relative of her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Collins had been married a little over six years.

On the morning of the murder Elmer Collins went to the house of George Henry and announced that he had found his wife dead. George Henry, J. T. Kenney and others hastily went to the Collins home, and in a stable near the house was the body of Mrs. Collins lying face downward in a stall.

Jury Drawn

In all sixty-five names were called before a jury was drawn. Twenty were challenged by the defense, nine by the state and twenty-four were excused by the court because they said their conscience would not permit them to send a man to the gallows.

Almost every man called said he had formed and expressed an opinion and a number of them no amount of evidence could make them change their views. The jury selected follows:

Henry M. Tunnell, William W. Knowles, Enos B. Wright, Hiram H. Hitchens, Jesse T. Wells, Osceola Townsend, John F. S. Wooten, William J. Mustard, Joseph B. Hearn, Peter Wingate, Thos. Pepper and Philip R. Layton.

When the jury had been empaneled Deputy Attorney Richards had the names of the state's witnesses read and all but a few answered. Among those who had responded were the Rev. F. J. Cochran and Frank Hitch, Attachments were issued for them to return.

History of the Crime

The finding of the mutilated body of Mrs. Ida Collins on the morning of April 12th, 1902, in a stable on her husband's farm, aroused the residents of Laurel and vicinity. Investigation showed that

Collins Brought In

After the crime had opened court Collins was brought from the jail to the Court House. The jail is in the rear of the county buildings and the street through which he had to pass was packed with hundreds of people anxious to get a look at the prisoner. Many of them were his neighbors who have not seen him since he was taken to jail last September. It required all the strength of the justices to keep the crowd back.

ELMER P. COLLINS.

—From Union Republican, Georgetown, Del.

The detectives carried several mysterious looking packages, which contained the bloody clothes taken from the woman and the blood-covered iron bar with which the murder was committed. Fearful lest these should be tampered with the detectives did not lose sight of them for a minute.

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### THE LEGISLATURE

The work of the General Assembly has been completed and it remains for history to make its decision upon its acts. In many ways it was a remarkable assemblage. Composed of practically three parties, the members were selected almost entirely on their known attitude towards the Senatorial aspirations of Mr. Adickes. The question being settled by a solution, happy or unhappy, according to the viewpoint of the observer, there were left but a few days in which to transact the business for which Legislatures are chosen. The members consequently were compelled to work hard to come near to considering a fair percentage of the bills presented. As a matter of fact many important bills were killed by a failure to take them up at the proper time. Some of these measures had been before the Assembly almost from the first day of the session, but action was delayed. Just why this was done, no one knows. It seems to be a case of neglect.

Among the bills that passed were a measure providing for improved roads; the voters' assistant repealer; to prevent the procuring of deposits without authority; changing the system of auditing the roads accounts of this county; and abolishing the kissing of the Bible when taking an oath. This is not a very long list and, of course, there were "others" of minor importance such as protecting muskrats on some run or river bank, etc., etc. But the true measure of the work done by the Legislature was found in the list of bills killed, such as the one providing for a junket at the expense of the State to the St. Louis Exposition next year; and the bill providing a "ripper" charter for the city of Wilmington.

Among the bills that failed which we think should have passed are to be found the one providing for a simpler system of voting; the bill for the State Sanitarium and the Jury commissioner bill. As a whole the result is disappointing. Much was expected and little was done.

### THE TREATIES

The Senate of the United States, after spending about two weeks in discussing in secret session the Panama Canal Treaty finally ratified the measure on Tuesday of this week. Nearly all the time had been occupied by Senator Morgan of Alabama, in opposition to the treaty, and it was not until a change of rules approaching closure was threatened, that he finally yielded to the taking of a vote which resulted in 73 yeas to 5 nays, practically unanimous. Senator Morgan has striven earnestly for many years for the digging of an Isthmian Canal, but along what is known as the Nicaragua route, and finding himself beaten was disposed to fight to the last ditch. The action of the Senate assumes a canal joining the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and severing the two continents of North and South America. It will operate to the advantage of the greatest trade in the world. Through the canal will pass the commerce from the great states of the West, and those of the extreme East, of this country as well as that of western Europe, the West Indies and South America with the Oriental countries like China and Japan. The work will now begin in earnest and be prosecuted with true American enterprise until completed. To the science of our engineers will be added the experience gained by the French in their several attempts to dig the ditch.

The Senate has also ratified the Reciprocity Treaty with Cuba and while it is not as satisfactory as could be wished, it is a step in the right direction. It will go a long way towards helping the people of the new Republic out of the financial straits into which they have fallen, and it will be a partial keeping of the promises made to them at the time of the passing of the Platt amendments. This concludes the work of the special session, which could have been avoided had the Senators have been willing to do less talking.

### MILL DAMS

In the closing days of the Legislature at least one "snake" crept through. We refer to the bill requiring the county to re-

build such mill dams as the carelessness of the owners have allowed to be carried away. There are in this county at least five such dams, St. Georges Hundred furnishing two of them. As THE TRANSCRIPT has pointed out on more than one occasion, these dams are built for the purpose of retaining a supply of water to furnish power for private purposes, and the roadway over the dam is merely a secondary consideration. As a matter of fact, in nearly every case the sole use of such roads is to lead to the mill. But in the few cases where the road is of benefit to the public; a short bridge will furnish the necessary convenience, if it were not for the retention of the large body of water. If mill owners build their dams properly and give them the same attention that would be devoted to the same investment in a steam plant, the probability of loss would be very remote. But with the assurance, or assumption that in case of loss the public can be forced or persuaded to repair the damage, comes a carelessness that neglects proper caution and the consequent damage.

We hope the Governor will "scotch the snake," by refusing to approve the law. It is time that this dependence upon the public to make up losses due to private neglect were ended. The man who owns a mill property should be responsible for all the care and loss arising therefrom, as he is entitled to all the gains accruing. If this bill becomes a law it means an expenditure of \$40,000 to \$50,000 by the county of New Castle within the next fiscal year, or an increase of the county tax rate of about ten cents on each one hundred dollars. We deplore the loss of the individual but cannot justify the attempted "graft."

### CHESAPEAKE CITY NEWS

Mrs. John Beiswanger is visiting in Baltimore.

Dr. Harry Cleaver has returned from Philadelphia.

Miss Elizabeth Cooling visited Miss Ethel Ellison last week.

Miss Maggie Penel is entertaining her cousin from Philadelphia.

Mr. J. P. Steele has been confined to his home for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blansfield and children are in Wilmington.

Miss Sallie Barwick has returned from a visit with Wilmington friends.

Mrs. Martha Powell is spending some time with relatives near Elkton.

Noble Ferguson, of Cecilton, spent Wednesday with Byron Bouchelle.

Miss Helen Clayton, of Middletown, visited Miss Hattie Morgan last week.

Mrs. Camille George and children, of Elk Neck, have been visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. W. E. Clayton, of Cecilton, visited her mother, Mrs. M. E. Freeman last week.

Mrs. James Cummings has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edward McCoy, near Elkton.

Miss Emma Morgan entertained Mr. and Mrs. William Boren and son one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. McCullough, of Elkton, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brady on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts and son, Morgan, of Wilmington, have been visiting Miss Emma Morgan.

Mrs. D. Palmer Boulden entertained her mother, Mrs. A. G. Brown and Mrs. Cantwell, of Elkton, over Sunday.

Sunday being Rev. L. E. Poole's last day, quite a large congregation attended both morning and evening services.

The International Sunshine Society met at the home of Mrs. James S. Hopper on Wednesday evening of last week.

A workman on the canal was taken to the hospital at Wilmington on day last week suffering with smallpox and our doctors are busy vaccinating people.

### ADJOURNMENT OF LEGISLATURE

Although Wednesday at 12 o'clock was set as the time for the adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, a joint resolution was adopted in both Houses extending the time for final adjournment until Thursday at noon. The extra time was needed by the Legislature to curtail the extravagant appropriations and to consider the report of the committee on claims. Most of the day the Senate was in secret session, and in the afternoon when a recess was taken until Thursday morning, it was learned that \$80,000 had been looped off the schedule of appropriations. The legislators realized that if all the scheduled appropriations were allowed to stand it would bring the State to a condition facing bankruptcy within a few years.

From time to time the members of the House extended the hour for final dismissal, in order that they could consider the claims and appropriation reports after they came from the Senate.

### SENATOR BALL INJURED

WASHINGTON, March 18th.—Senator L. Heister Ball, of Delaware, met with a peculiar and painful accident yesterday as he was about to leave the Senate chamber. He stood at the main door, intending to pass out, when he looked back for a moment to speak to a fellow Senator. At that instant the swinging door came with great force and struck him a violent blow in the forehead. He was knocked down senseless. He was carried to a sofa, where he was made comfortable until a physician could be sent for and restoratives applied. An hour later the Senator was removed to the Portland, where he was resting comfortably last night.

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### SASSAFRAS ITEMS

The beautiful daffodils are in bloom. Mr. J. Bennett, of near Warwick, was in SassafRAS Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Robertson visited Middletown on Tuesday.

Quite a number here were green in honor of St. Patrick's day Tuesday.

Mr. James Donahoe, of Clayton, visited his parents near SassafRAS on Tuesday.

The oyster dredging season in Maryland ended on Monday after a poor season.

Rev. M. Shears, of Baltimore, is being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Robertson.

We are pleased to state Capt. John Wainsley, of Fredericktown, is very much improved.

Mr. James Hall, of Fredericktown, was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Laws on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith and daughters were the guests of her mother, Mrs. W. K. Lookwood Sunday.

Mr. Keeth Cochran, of near Galea, a son of Mr. F. P. Cochran, is lying critically ill with typhoid fever.

Before going to conference Rev. George S. Mesron of the M. E. Church was presented with a purse of gold.

Rev. J. McLain Brown preached a beautiful sermon in the Rehoboth Church on Sunday to a large congregation.

Messrs. Bayard and Edgar Jones visited their sister, Mrs. F. VanSant in Wilmington from Saturday until Tuesday.

Miss Susie Ford, of Ford's Landing, who has been visiting relatives in Baltimore, returned home on Thursday last.

Miss May Toulson, of Mt. Pleasant, Del., was entertained on Wednesday by her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester.

More glorious weather must be put to the credit of March, for St. Patrick's day was one of the prize order and Monday was also a fine day.

The Peninsula Methodist, the official organ of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference, will, after April 1st, be published at Chestertown.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Kirk, of Fredericktown, and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander T. Laws were entertained on Sunday by Mr. James Hall, of near Fredericktown.

Directors of the Middletown & Odessa Railway Company have elected the following officers: President, William R. Polk; Secretary, Daniel W. Corbit; Treasurer, J. L. Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rooin entertained for dinner on Thursday Rev. and Mrs. J. McLain Brown, daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester and children, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spry, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Rooin.

The "Peddler's Parade" given by the ladies of the M. P. Church at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rooin on Thursday evening, was a great success, both socially and financially. The farce was most ludicrous and unique, and all are to be congratulated. About \$40 was realized.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Session of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church opened in the Ebenezer Church at Easton, on Tuesday. The Wilmington Conference embraces the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia and the State of Delaware, and has about 180 charges.

### CECILTON SIFTINGS

Miss Lula Manlove is visiting her sister in Philadelphia.

Miss Maude Robinson has returned home from Kennedysville.

Enoch S. Short has been spending the past week in Philadelphia.

Miss May Deputy is spending this week with Mrs. William Treeman.

James Hall, of Wilmington, spent the past week with John Taylor.

Miss Mattie Vandegrift is visiting Mrs. Harry Clark, near Earleville.

Mr. George Thornton, of Cayots, spent Thursday with friends in town.

Miss Mattie Cannon is spending some time with Mrs. James A. Pierce.

Messrs. Alonza and William Mattax are visiting their brother near town.

Robert Reily, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days with his family in town.

Miss Daisy Hoover entertained Miss Mamie Pierce on Thursday and Friday.

C. H. Messick was the guest of Salisbury and Sanford friends during the past week.

William Smith, of Bohemia Manor, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark gave a dinner party to a number of their friends on Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Templeman has as her guest from Friday to Sunday Miss Frances Griffith.

Mrs. William Taylor has returned home from visiting her sister, Mrs. Lou Hayes, of Philadelphia.

Miss Edie Ferguson has returned from visiting her sister, Mrs. Byron Bouchelle, of Chesapeake City.

Messrs. Cora and Lizzie Anderson entertained on Sunday Messrs. Edith Alderson and Clara Manlove.

Miss Mollie McCoy, of Elkton, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James P. McCoy, near town.

Miss Belle Lofland and T. Bayard Vinyard, of Warwick, spent a few days of the past week with their uncle, John Stephens, near town.

Rev. G. W. Townsend and wife are attending conference at Easton, and the Rev. Atkins will preach in his place at Cecilton and Earleville.

Mrs. Catharine Mattax died at her home on Monday morning. Services were held Wednesday in the M. E. Church at 2 o'clock. Interment in St. Paul's Cemetery.

VOTERS' ASSISTANT REPEALER PASSES

The Senate Monday afternoon passed the Voter's Assistant Law repealer, Senators Sparks and Ellison. Regular Republicans, voting with the Democrats, making the tally stand nine to seven in favor of the repealer. Senator Sterling, Regular, voted with the Addicks Republicans against the bill.

The Union Republicans fought the repealer to the last ditch, and now it is up to Governor Hunn whom it is thought will let it die without his signature.

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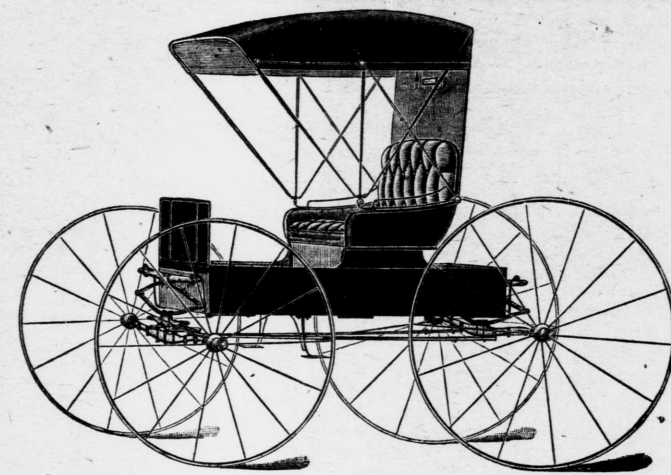
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